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1. Between 3 January and 1 March 1955, elections were held in all GDR industrial enterprises and administrative agencies for the nomination of Betriebs-Gewerkschafts-Leitungen (shop trade-union managements) (BGL) and for the Bezirks-Delegierten-Konferenz (conference of Bezirk delegates) (BDK). While previously, the members of BGLs were elected in secret balloting, the 1955 elections are held in a way which ~~surrounds~~ ^{surrounds} purposes must be considered as open voting. The new ~~electoral~~ ^{electoral} system has been designed to increase the influence of the SED and FDGB. Industrial enterprises and administrative agencies with fewer than 300 employees will use the old electoral procedure while the new system of open voting will be applied in enterprises having more than 300 employees. According to the new procedure, special "Arbeitsgruppen", the strength of which varies from 8 to 40 men, nominate in non-secret procedures the delegates (Wahlmaenner) who will later elect the members of the shop trade-union management. This election must be carried out by 1 March 1955. Since delegates have been picked in advance by the SED and have been influenced accordingly, no worker ever dares oppose the proposals made by them for the election of specific delegates. The individual "Arbeitsgruppen" are dominated by reliable SED men. The new electoral procedure introduced for major industrial enterprises and administrative agencies will have the result of making the BGLs of these enterprises consist exclusively of SED men.

2. The "Arbeitsgruppen" will elect delegates on the basis of the following figures:

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~~Comment:~~ The present report is a further indication that the SED regime is tightening its control over the East German population.

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